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Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center *

Overcrowded Dog Shelter Prepares for busy Fourth of July

\$18 Adoption Specials, Free Microchips

With more than 300 dogs currently in our care the Franklin County Dog Shelter is out of space, and taking pre-emptive steps to prepare for the expected influx of stray dogs over the Fourth of July weekend.

Effective immediately, the shelter is offering a temporary reduction in adoption fees. Any dog over 30 pounds can be adopted for the cost of the license only, \$18. Any dog at the shelter for more than 30 days is also \$18. Small dogs under 30 pounds and puppies are still available at the everyday low price of \$123. All dogs available for adoption are vet checked, behavior tested, spayed or neutered, given vaccines and heartworm prevention, and microchip.

On **Sunday, June 27, the shelter is offering FREE microchips to the first 200 dog owners from 9 – 11 am**. Chips will be implanted and owner information entered into the national registry at no charge to the dog owner. Microchips save lives and dramatically increase your dog's chances of being reunited with you.

One of the busiest shelters in the state, the Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control impounds approximately 10,000 canines annually. 80% of those are unclaimed, unwanted dogs without any form of ID. The shelter's live release rate for the month of May was 93.1%.

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